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Craftsman Course to Include National Food Safety Competency Exam

Beginning in FY00, PH Staff Sergeants attending the PH Craftsman course at USAFSAM will be required to complete a more rigorous curriculum of foodborne disease prevention knowledge. This will consist of on-line lessons and food code pre-reading materials and classroom instruction. Graduates must understand a wide range of food contaminants and sources, emerging foodborne pathogens, application of foodborne disease prevention principles, and hazard analysis and critical points in food operations. This plan was developed by the Utilization and Training Workshop recently held at USAFSAM.

To measure competency, students will be given the examination developed by the National Academic Institute for the National Environmental Health Association. The test was evaluated by me, a battery of 4E NCO's, and by Maj (Dr.) Scott Brooks, the USAF Food Safety Subject Matter Expert.

The test is tough and pertinent. Passing it provides national measurement of knowledge in this essential prevention mission. It will also boost self-confidence, and leadership and customer confidence in your skill.

Students who do not score the minimum 75% on the test will have an opportunity to participate in study groups and will be re-tested during the course.

Those who have passed the exam may desire to also complete the education and experience requirements to achieve national certification through NEHA – the ***Certified Food Safety Professional***.



This national certification, an individual choice, requires individual expense and dedication to achieve and maintain. It is my hope that all PH Craftsmen will seek and achieve this status.



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